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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE S AND T SUBCOMITTEE

1. SUMMARY: S AND T SUBCOMITTEE SPENT APRIL 24 AND 25 ON REMOTE SENSING AGENDA ITEM. DEBATE REFLECTED BROAD RECOGNITION THAT REGIONAL CENTERS PRESENT MARKED TECHNICAL ADVANTAGES AND THAT NUCLEI OF SEVERAL CENTERS ALREADY EXIST IN THE NATIONAL CENTERS NOW IN BEING OR IN PROSPECT. SOME DELEGATIONS SEE NEED FOR GLOBAL CENTER TO PLAY COMPLEMENTARY AND COORDINATING ROLE. BRAZIL SAW DANGERS IN ACTION BEFORE LEGAL QUESTIONS RESOLVED. ARGENTINA SUPPORTED PRIORITY OF LEGAL ISSUES, AND USSR, IN CLEAR MOVE TO BLOCK ACTION, SAW SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS INEXTRICABLY LINKED WITH LEGAL. US INTERVENED TO CLARIFY SEVERAL TECHNICAL QUESTION AND TO COUNTER VIEW THAT S AND T SUBCOMITTEE SHOULD DEFER ACTION UNTIL LEGAL QUESTIONS RESOLVED.

2. SUMMARY OF VIEWS EXPRESSED:

A. FRANCE FOUND PRINCIPLE OF REGIONAL CENTER GOOD BUT CAUTIONED AGAINST UNDERESTIMATING REQUIRMENTS.

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SAW ROLE FOR GLOBAL CENTER LIMITED TO CATALOGING, CROSS-REFERENCING, ETC. CONSIDERED TRAINING ESSENTIAL AND

FAVORED ITS ASSOCIATION WITH REGIONAL CENTERS.

B. INDONESIA THOUGHT ESTABLISHMENT OF GLOBAL CENTER SHOULD BE DEFERRED FOR TIME BEING.

C. AUSTRIA ARGUED AGAINST DELAYING ACTION. FOUND REGIONAL APPROACH MOST REALISTIC, SINCE GROUND STATIONS ALREADY EXIST AND OTHERS IN PROSPECT, BUT THOUGHT NEED FOR COMPLEMENTARY GLOBAL APPROACH REMAINED.

D. UK URGED THAT SUBCOMMITTEE REMEMBER THAT DECISIONS ARE THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE. TO THAT END, SUGGESTED THAT RECOMMENDATIONS MIGHT ADDRESS REQUIREMENT FOR SPACE SEGMENT, SERVICES WHICH REGIONAL CENTERS SHOULD PROVIDE, ANY COORDINATING FUNCTION UN MIGHT SERVE.

E. SWEDEN CONSIDERED IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ASSESS SPACE SEGMENT NOW. IMPORTANT TO ASSURE COOPERATION WITH AGENCIES ALREADY IN FIELD, WITH UN SERVING COORDINATING FUNCTION.

F. INDIA SAID IT NOT OPPOSED TO GLOBAL CENTER UNDER UN AUSPICES WITH COMPLEMENTARY AND COORDINATING FUNCTION BUT WONDERED ABOUT HOW TO FINANCE.

G. USSR CONSIDERED IT PREMATURE TO PROCEED WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF GROUND STATIONS SINCE STUDIES AVAILABLE LEAVE TOO MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS AND THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT SPACE SEGMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE. BESIDES, ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD AWAIT ESTABLISHMENT OF LEGAL PRINCIPLES. DESIRED TALK OF STATIONS DEALING WITH DATA FROM TERRITORIES OF OTHER NATIONS AND FEARED "AVALANCHE OF UNCONTROLLED RESOURCES INFORMATION". FAVORED UN GLOBAL CENTER OF LIMITED ARCHIVAL CHARACTER WHICH WOULD COORDINATE REMOTE SENSING DATA HANDLING. SUPPORTED SWEDISH SUGGESTION FOR ANALYTICAL COST-EFFECTIVENESS STUDIES AND FAVORED SECRETARIAT INVESTIGATIONS WITH HELP OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO CONSIDER PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS IN STUDIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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NOW BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE.

H. BELGIUM ADVOCATED STUDY OF SPACE SEGMENT UNDER UN MANAGEMENT AS MEANS OF ASSURING FUTURE EXISTENCE OF SPACE SEGMENT AND OF EASING CONCERNS OF SOME COUNTRIES. REGIONAL CENTERS UNDER UN AUSPICES ULTIMATELY NECESSARY BUT SHOULD NOT BE PRESSED UNTIL WE KNOW THERE WILL BE SPACE SEGMENT TO PROVIDE DATA.

I. PAKISTAN SUPPORTES SPACE SEGMENT STUDIES AND

SUGGESTIONS MADE BY SWEDEN AN7

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L. SWEDEN DISCUSSED ELEMENTS OF STRUCTURE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON REMOTE SENSING IN ABSTRACT TERMS RELATING TO CURRENT PRE-OPERATIONAL SYSTEM AND FUTURE OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS (DATA ACQUISITION, PROCESSING, DISSEMINATION, ANALYSIS, USE, ETC. AND CONSIDERATIONS UNDER EACH OF TECHNOLOGY, COST, MANAGEMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND FINANCING).

M. SIERRA LEONE STATED MAJOR CONCERN IS EQUAL ACCESS TO BENEFITS AND NOTED SIERRA LEONE NOT COVERED BY PROSPECTIVE STATIONS, THEREFORE SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL RATHER THAN REGIONAL CENTERS. (SEE US STATEMENT LATER.)

N. IRAN MOST POSITIVE ON US CONTRIBUTIONS AND LINE. EXPECT STATION OPERABLE 5/76.

O. FAO CITED COSTS FOR FAO-BUFFERED CENTER VS. "VIEW" CENTER, CLAIMING FIRST WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT \$250K FOR 2 YEARS EXPERIMENT WHILE LATTER WOULD REQUIRE OVER \$2 MILLION.

3. US INTERVENTION (FRUTKIN):

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A. RESPONDED TO QUERIES RE POSSIBLE TDRSS DIS-
PLACEMENT OF REGIONAL GROUND STATIONS, STATING THIS
NOT PLANNED BECAUSE GLOBAL DATA FLOW TOO GREAT FOR
CENTRAL HANDLING, PRACTICAL ONLY ON REGIONAL BASIS.

B. ASSURANCE OF COVERAGE FOR SIERRA LEONE AND
OTHERS SO PLACED OBTAINABLE NOT THROUGH INTERNATIONAL
OR REGIONAL CENTERS ALONE BUT ONLY THROUGH SPACECRAFT
TAPE RECORDER OR NEARBY GROUND STATIONS, WHICH SHOULD
BE RESPONSIVE TO REGIONAL NEEDS.

C. RE QUESTIONS ON TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS, STATED
SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AGREES FURTHER SMALL IMPROVEMENTS
IN SPATIAL RESOLUTION DESIRABLE BUT NOTHING LIKE
THAT SUGGESTED IN SECRETARIAT STUDIES WHICH BEST LEFT
TO AIRCRAFT; PROGRESS IN SPECTRAL RESOLUTION DESIRABLE
AND WILL BE TESTED; SOME TECHNICAL CIRCUMVENTION OF
CLOUD COVER AND IMPROVEMENTS IN PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS
TECHNIQUES DESIRABLE (ALL JUSTIFYING EXTENSION OF PRE-
OPERATIONAL PERIOD).

D. NOTED SEEMING CONTRADICTION BETWEEN FAO COST
ESTIMATES AND PEREK STUDY OF A COSTLESS TRAINING PRO-
GRAM BY FAO/ILO.

E. NOTED 2 1/2 YEARS OF LANDSATS HAVE TURNED UP NO
EVIDENCE OF PITFALLS SEEN BY BRAZIL, THEREFORE
URGED S AND T SUBCOMMITTEE MAKE BEST PROGRESS POSSIBLE
WITHIN ITS MANDATE, LEAVING LEGAL ISSUES TO SISTER
SUBCOMMITTEE.

F. PROMOTED GOOD INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS ALONG THESE
LINES IN AFTERNOON SESSION (TEXT BEING DATAFAXED.)

4. INDIA AND AUSTRIA JOINED SWEDEN, AUSTRALIA,
SIERRA LEONE AND OTHERS IN WANTING ACTION EXPRESSLY
WITHOUT WAITING FOR RESOLUTION LEGAL ISSUES. SOVIETS
MADE BRIEF STATEMENT CHARACTERIZING SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNICAL ASPECTS AS INEXTRICABLE ENTWINED WITH LEGAL,
CLEARLY WANTING TO BLOCK SERIOUS ACTION THIS ITEM.

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